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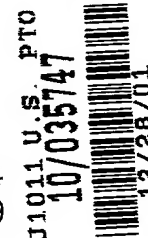
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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: FLOATING POINT SYSTEM THAT REPRESENTS STATUS FLAG
INFORMATION WITHIN A FLOATING POINT OPERAND
Inventor: Guy L. Steele, Jr.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 76 pages, including 8 independent claims and 54 claims total.
2. Drawings- 11 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-11).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney - 2 pgs.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Sun Microsystems, Inc. - 2 pgs.
5. Certificate of Express Mailing No. EL423323623US - 1 pg.
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	54	-	20	34	x \$18	612.00
Independent Claims	8	-	3	5	x \$84	420.00
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\$ 740.00 filing fee;
\$1032.00 additional claims fees; and
\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Total Fees: \$ 1812.00

8. Applicant claims the right of priority based on Provisional Patent Application No.: 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001.

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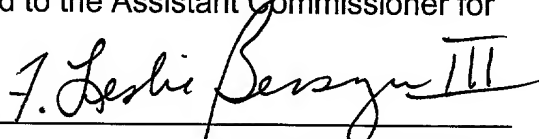
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Documents attached to this certificate:

1. Transmittal Letter - 3 pgs.
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4. Recordation Cover Sheet and Assignment - 2 pgs.
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6. 2 Post Cards (Receipt & Serial No.)